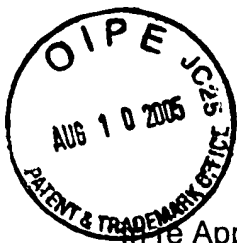


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For: COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING)
AT LEAST ONE HYDROXIDE)
COMPOUND AND AT LEAST ONE)
OXIDIZING AGENT, AND)
METHODS TO STRAIGHTEN)
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination in the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Copies of the U.S. patents, U.S. patent publications, and co-pending applications which are available on the Image File Wrapper System are not enclosed.

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2003), that an "adverse decision" by another examiner may meet the materiality standard under the amended Rule 56, and thus, Applicants should disclose prior rejections of "substantially similar claim[s]" to the Office. Accordingly, although Applicants are not representing that the Office Actions in the co-pending applications are material to the present application and are not admitting that any of the other claims are substantially similar, out of an abundance of caution, Applicants have listed the substantive office actions in co-pending applications on the attached form.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

With respect to the non-English language documents, Applicants submit the following remarks:

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8. **EP 0 726 251 A1** - This document is believed to be related to U.S. Patent No. 5,679,332.
9. **JP 0 51 9013** - This application is believed to be related to JP 76-09013, an English language Derwent abstract of which is submitted herewith.
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12. **International Search Report for PCT/US01/43193** - This is the Search Report for the International Application related to Attorney Docket Nos. 05725.0534-00 and 05725.0534-01.
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16. **ZAHN, Helmut, "N,O-Peptidyl shift, disulfide exchange, and lanthionine formation in wool and other proteins containing cystine," *Chimia* (Switz.) (1961), 15, 378-94** - This document is cited in the International Search Report for PCT/US02/08270, related to 05725.0505.

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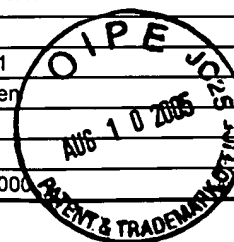
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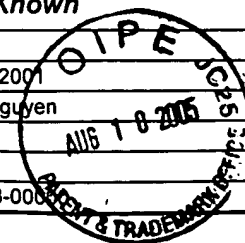


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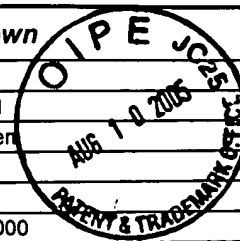


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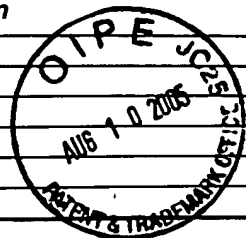
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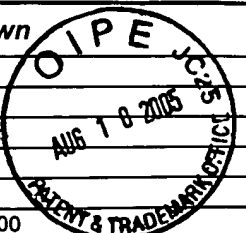


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